



**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
Senate Bill 411**

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Senator B. Newton

1 moves to amend the bill on page 1, lines 6, through page 2, line 7, by rewriting those lines to  
2 read:

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4 "SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-174.18 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 115C-174.18. Opportunity to take Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship**  
6 **Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).**

7 Every student in the eighth through tenth grades who has completed Algebra I or who is in  
8 the last month of Algebra I shall be given an opportunity to take a version of either the  
9 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) or the PLAN  
10 precursor test to the ACT, at the discretion of the local school administrative unit, one time at no  
11 cost to the student. A student receiving instruction through a home school, as provided by Part 3  
12 of Article 39 of this Chapter, shall be eligible to participate in testing as provided in  
13 G.S. 115C-565.1 The maximum amount of State funds used for this purpose shall be the cost of  
14 the PSAT/NMSQT."

15 "SECTION 2. G.S. 115C-174.26(a) reads as rewritten:

16 "(a) It is the intent of the State to enhance accessibility and encourage students to enroll  
17 in and successfully complete more rigorous advanced courses to enable success in postsecondary  
18 education for all students. For the purposes of this section, an advanced course is an Advanced  
19 Placement course, an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme course, or a Cambridge  
20 Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) course, including an AS-Level or  
21 A-Level course. To attain this goal, to the extent funds are made available for this purpose,  
22 students enrolled in public schools shall be exempt from paying any fees for administration of  
23 examinations for advanced courses and registration fees for advanced courses in which the  
24 student is enrolled regardless of the score the student achieves on an examination. A student  
25 receiving instruction through a home school, as provided by Part 3 of Article 39 of this Chapter,  
26 shall be eligible to participate in administration of examinations for advanced courses as provided  
27 in G.S. 115C-565.1 "

28 "SECTION 3. Part 3 of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended  
29 by adding a new section to read:

30 "**§ 115C-565.1. Eligibility to participate in certain testing administration in local school**  
31 **administrative units.**



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1       (a)   A student enrolled in a home school shall be allowed to participate in the  
2 administration of the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test or the PLAN  
3 precursor test to the ACT, as offered by the local school administrative unit in accordance with  
4 G.S. 115C-174.18, as follows:

- 5           (1)   The student may take the test at a school within the local school administrative  
6 unit that the student would be assigned to if the student attended public school.  
7           (2)   The student shall have completed a course or test that shows equivalent  
8 competency to passing Algebra I.  
9           (3)   The student's parent may be charged any fees required for administration of  
10 the test by the local school administrative unit.  
11           (4)   The student's parent, or other responsible adult designated by the parent, may  
12 be required by the local school administrative unit to serve as a proctor in  
13 order for the student to take the test, if the addition of the student would  
14 prevent the local school administrative unit from meeting the required  
15 proctor-student ratio for that test at that school.

16       (b)   A student enrolled in a home school shall be allowed to take any advanced course  
17 examination offered by a local school administrative unit in accordance with G.S. 115C-174.26  
18 as follows:

- 19           (1)   The student may take the advanced course examination at a school within the  
20 local school administrative unit that the student would have been assigned to  
21 if the student attended public school.  
22           (2)   The student shall meet any requirements to take the advanced course  
23 examination established by the organization issuing that examination and the  
24 chief administrator of the home school. A local board of education shall not  
25 require the student to complete a specific advanced course to take the related  
26 examination.  
27           (3)   The student's parent may be charged any fees required for administration of  
28 the advanced course examination by the local school administrative unit.  
29           (4)   The student's parent, or other responsible adult designated by the parent, may  
30 be required by the local school administrative unit to serve as a proctor in  
31 order for the student to take the advanced course examination, if the addition  
32 of the student would prevent the local school administrative unit from meeting  
33 the required proctor-student ratio for that examination at that school."

34       **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law."

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